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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

SUBMIT STATE OF TEXAS APPLICATION and Transcripts to:

PUC Mail Room, 8th Floor, Rm 8-100, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78701, or

Email: Recruiter@puc.texas.gov, or

Fax: (512) 936-7054, or

www.workintexas.com

JOB TITLE: Economist

JOB VACANCY NUMBER: 2016-14

DIVISION: Competitive Markets

SALARY: \$3,690.00 - \$5,833.34/month
(Commensurate with Qualifications)

SALARY GROUP: B18, B20, B22

CLASS TITLE: Economist I-III

CLASS #: 0640, 0642, 0644

OPENING DATE: 01/22/16

CLOSING DATE: Open Until Filled

HOURS PER WEEK: 40

ESTABLISHED WORK HOURS: 8:00 – 5:00 M-F
(Flextime may be available with supervisory approval)

FLSA*: Exempt

EEO CATEGORY: Professional

TYPE: Full-time ☒ Part-time ☐ Temporary ☐

*Positions exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) will earn compensatory time off rather than overtime for hours in excess of 40 per week.

Application Process: *Complete a State of Texas Application for Employment documenting how you meet the minimum qualifications. Resumes are not accepted in lieu of a completed application. If college transcripts are required, they must be submitted with the application (if you submit your application via www.workintexas.com, you must submit your transcripts via email to recruiter@puc.texas.gov). If you submit your application via workintexas.com, please **do not** submit another application directly to the PUC. Incomplete applications will not be accepted for consideration. Applicants interviewed will receive written non-selection notification.*

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Perform routine to complex analytical and economic tasks. Work involves analyzing policy and economic issues associated with the ERCOT wholesale competitive electric market and participating in projects related to market design, rulemakings, legislative analysis, and related policy-development activities. Work involves extensive contact with Commission attorneys, industry representatives, and other professional staff. Work under moderate to general supervision, with limited to moderate latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Monitor and analyze developments in the electricity market and their impacts on wholesale markets and monitor retail and telecommunications markets as assigned.
- Monitor and participate in activities conducted by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) and ERCOT stakeholder committees, other state agencies, Midwest ISO (MISO), Southwest Power Pool (SPP), and/or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).
- Prepare written or oral expert testimony for filing in contested proceedings and defend testimony under cross-examination. Work closely with attorneys and other professional staff in the pre-hearing through post-hearing stages of contested cases.
- Monitor and evaluate stakeholder meetings related to the efficient operation of competitive electric markets.



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- Participate in policy development and rulemaking activities in coordination with other divisions and prepare documents for Commission action.
- Analyze issues related to the competitive electric and telecommunications industries and make recommendations in Commission dockets.
- Coordinate and lead workshops and discussions.
- Participate in the preparation of Commission reports on electric and telecommunications services, including reports on market power, market efficiency, service availability and other issues.
- Conduct quantitative/statistical analysis of data pertaining to the wholesale electricity market.
- Prepare documents and recommendations in response to Commission or legislative directives.
- Respond to external inquiries and represent the Commission as required to discuss Commission programs or electric or telecommunications policies.
- Support telecommunications and retail electric projects as assigned.
- Minimal level of travel required.

REQUIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Education And Experience:

- Bachelors or post-graduate degree from an accredited college or university with major coursework in economics, statistics, energy resource economics, business administration, engineering, public policy, or related field.
- Economist I: Minimum of one (1) year of professional experience in a position involving economic or statistical analysis, regulatory policy analysis, energy or telecommunications business operations, management, or a related field.

Military Occupational Codes:

The Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) codes applicable to this position can be accessed at:

http://www.hr.sao.state.tx.us/Compensation/MilitaryCrosswalk/MOSC_PlanningResearchandStatistics.pdf

Veterans, Reservists, or Guardsmen with a MOS or additional duties that fall in the fields listed in the above link who meet the minimum qualifications listed above are encouraged to apply.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledge of Texas and federal policy and laws as it relates to energy regulation or telecommunications industry.
- Experience working on electric industry or telecommunications industry issues.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Knowledge of word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation software.
- Strong analytical skills and familiarity with statistical methods.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing.
- Ability to perform complex tasks with limited supervision.
- Ability to work harmoniously and effectively with other staff members, industry representatives, other government agencies, and the public.
- Ability to attend work regularly and adhere to approved work schedule.

REMARKS:

- The Public Utility Commission participates in E-Verify and will provide the Social Security Administration (SSA) and, if necessary, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), with information from each new employee's Form I-9 to confirm work authorization.
- An internal applicant who is selected for a position in their current salary group with the same or new state classification title will not receive a salary increase.
- Candidates invited to interview may be given a writing skills exercise.
- If required for position, licensure as a Professional Engineer or to practice law in Texas will be verified on the selected candidate through either the Professional Board of Engineers or the State Bar of Texas.

- Some positions may require additional work hours including evenings, weekends, and/or holidays to meet critical deadlines.
- More than one position may be filled under this posting. Employees are required to comply with agency policies and provisions outlined in the employee handbook.
- The job posting in no way states or implies that the duties listed above are exclusive. Employees are required to perform other duties as may be assigned.
- A satisfactory driving record is required for driving a state or personal vehicle to conduct agency business. Selected candidates will have their driving record evaluated in accordance with the Commission's Traffic Safety policy.
- The PUC has a *Post-Employment Restriction* – details furnished upon request.